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THE abuse of power, has in all ages, furnished the most copious fund of materials both to the moralist, and to the historian, and has ever given the greatest preplexity to the legislator. Private persons doubtless affect the publick weal by their vices and by their crimes; but standing singly and alone, their transgressions are easily corrected. Whereas those who by the advantage of birth, fortune, office, or superior abilities are enabled to influence others, and to direct the public views and councils, are not without difficulty and address kept within the bounds of law and justice. The passions and prejudices of men are constantly leading them into one mistake or another; and the remonstrances of reason & duty alone, are but feeble restraints. In order therefore to curb the licentiousness of leading men, it hath been found expedient so to distribute the powers of government among the different orders of which the community is composed, as to excite, & employ those of one rank and interest, to correct the irregularities of another.

Although this may seem to lay a foundation for constant debate and faction, yet even this is a small inconvenience compared to the galling and oppressive yoke of absolute monarchy; or even the jealous severity of an aristocratic senate. But the common disadvantages of the mixed forms of government will be found neither very considerable nor lasting, in case the distribution of power is made with judgment. The old Roman policy was deficient in this respect. The patrician and plebeian orders in that republic, wanted a third estate to moderate between them: which defect the King in the British constitution admirably supplies; whilst our popular branch, acting by representatives, their assemblies are more deliberate, and less factious, than at Rome, where the people appeared in person.

The circumstances of the British colonies, just rising out of the difficulties of an infant state, do not admit of such a regular distribution of power. To forward the full settlement of a new country, such a division, and diffusion of the lands is necessary, as shall leave the profits wholly in the hands of those who cultivate them. Hence our laws for making partitions of real estates among all the children of the family; and for the ready sale of lands to satisfy debts, equitable in themselves, are even political in such a country as this; but they render the rise and establishment of an upper rank among us, difficult, if not impracticable.

In this state of things, it behoves the people of North-America, to consider fully what political consequences and effects the introduction of diocesan bishops among them may produce. By Dr. Chandler's account of them, as smooth as he writes, we find they are not to be mere voluntary bishops, such as the Moravian church has, but prelates commissioned by his Majesty, as supreme head of the church, and authorized by the nation, as branching from the ecclesiastical establishment in England. Nor are these American bishops to be suffered to tarnish the splendor of their brethren at home, by being left to the precarious maintenance of the episcopals here; as was the case in the primitive times of the christian church. But thousands of pounds sterl. have been laying up and accumulating at interest, for above half a century past, as a fund for supporting one or two of them. Besides this, it is intimated that many persons in England, stand ready to contribute to this use, as soon as the scheme shall be put in execution. Hereafter, great matters may be expected from the crown lands, which it is proposed to set apart for the benefit of the American hierarchy; but till the further settlement and improvement of the colonies, shall raise these to a proper value, "the general tax on the country," which Dr. Chandler speaks of, page 107, may supply all deficiencies.

This scheme of the episcopal missionaries & their patrons, the society for the propagating the gospel, whatever they intend by it, would be likely to have great influence on civil government & public liberty;

* Dr. Chandler from recollection instances in six gifts or legacies, some of them of 50 years standing, which amount to £4500 sterling; doubtless there are many small ones. These having been at interest, must now make a very considerable fund; of which about £826 only appear to have been expended for a house at Burlington. See appeal, pages 108 & 50.

and therefore, whether we consider the thing itself, or the method taken to obtain it, our most serious attention cannot but be awakened on this occasion.

In their zeal for their hierarchy, these gentlemen, possibly, have not considered what they are about, in this view. Or if any of them have glanced so much beside their own concerns, as to have perceived the obvious effects of their proposal on political affairs, they may have reconciled to themselves the pursuit of so dangerous a measure, by the prospect of the spiritual advantage they expect will flow from it.

For my part, I have often esteemed it a great advantage to the northern colonies, that their clergy have very little weight in government. This is owing to the moderate salaries paid them; to their debates and divisions about the modes and circumstances of religion; and to the want of general connection among themselves, & with the churches established in Britain. By their dissensions, we are secured from the usurpations and encroachments they might otherwise make as a body; for one domination carefully watches another, and sounds the alarm on occasion of any schemes that may be devised to the prejudice of the public. This also keeps up a spirit of free enquiry, and prevents the ill effects of a fond superstitious credulity.

But here is a measure proposed, that directly tends to form and combine this order of men into a regular and powerful band; and to put them under the direction of superior officers, invested with great powers over the rest. It is also calculated to connect them by uniformity, establishment and interest with the church established in England.

It was formerly proposed that the clergy, on account of their wealth and influence, should be considered as a fourth estate in parliament, but this happily did not take place. Among us, they must be much more than a separate estate; they can have no equals in the colonies. Whilst for civil government the British dominions on the continent are already divided into seventeen provinces, the episcopal clergy (who may before long, by proper management, and the aid of acts of parliament, be augmented to three or four thousand in number) will be collected and disciplined under twenty or more bishops, and a primate appointed from home. What restraint or check will there be on the views and schemes of a body so well compacted, so weighty, so well established by statute, and so well allied to powerful hierarchies in Europe. Without an order of nobility to stand on equal footing with the prelates; without courts of common law, of jurisdiction extensive enough to issue prohibitions and correct the proceedings of the arch-bishop and his suffragans, when they exceed their proper limits; as the spiritual courts of England frequently do; without a general assembly of the colonies, or other association for civil purposes, in what circumstances must the laity be to guard themselves against the ambitious designs of the spiritual power? In short they must lie intirely at the mercy and moderation of the clergy: And what these are, let Spain, let Italy, let the history of England, in the papal times, and even since the reformation, under the government of the house of Stuart, picture out to the reader. Men in all ages and of every character are much the same in regard to the abuse of power; and their conduct, when they get above controul, loudly proclaims the necessity of attending to the proper distribution of it in every free government, that would preserve its constitution.

† Gilbert, on the Exch. 48.

"It hath been a great mistake among us, that the popish religion is the only one, of all christian sects, proper to introduce and establish slavery.— Other religions have succeeded as effectual as ever popery did." Lord Moleworth's account of Denmark: He instances in that kingdom, yet he observes super-intendants or bishops there; have no temporalities; nor any power over the other clergy; being only primi inter pares, first among equals.

The Mineral Spring and Bath at

Newtown, are now ready for Use, the great Benefit received from it last Year, by Numbers, is so well known, as to sufficiently recommend it; constant Attendance is given at all Hours by W. PARK.

M. B. Any Person inclining to board near the Spring, will find good Accommodations at said Park's or in the Neighbourhood.

Boston, June 27. 1768.

The following is a Copy of a Letter communicated to the Assembly of the Colony of Rhode-Island, on Saturday last night, by the Governor of that Colony.

Circular

No. 5. WHITEHALL, April 21. 1768.

Gentlemen,

I Have his Majesty's Commands to transmit to you the inclosed Copy of a Letter from the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Colony of the Massachusetts-Bay, addressed by Order of that House to the Speaker of the Assembly of each Colony upon the Continent of North-America. As his Majesty considers this Measure to be of a most dangerous and factious Tendency, calculated to enslave the Minds of his good Subjects in the Colonies; to promote an unwarrantable Combination, and to excite and encourage an open Opposition to & Denial of the Authority of Parliament, and to subvert the true Principles of the Constitution — It is his Majesty's Pleasure that you should, immediately, upon the Receipt hereof, exert your utmost influence to defeat this flagitious Attempt to disturb the public Peace, by prevailing upon the Assembly of your Province to take no Notice of it, which will be treating it with the Contempt it deserves.

The repeated Proofs which have been given by the Assembly of Rhode-Island of their Reverence & Respect for the Laws, and of their faithful Attachments to the Constitution, leave little room in his Majesty's Breast to doubt of their shewing a proper Resentment of this unjustifiable Attempt to revive those Disfranchisements which have operated so fully to the Prejudice of this Kingdom and the Colonies: And accordingly his Majesty has the fullest Confidence in their Affection, and expects they will give him the strongest Proofs of them on this and every other Occasion.

I am with great Truth and Regard,

Gentlemen, your most obedient

humble Servant,

HILLSBOROUGH.

The following is the Letter referred to in the above viz. Copy of a Letter written by the Hon. the House of Representatives, in the last Session of the General Assembly, and sent to the respective Assemblies on the Continent.

Province of the Massachusetts-Bay, Feb. 11. 1768. To the Honorable the Speaker of the Hon. House of Representatives of the Province of —

S I R,

THE House of Representatives of this Province, have taken into their serious consideration, the great difficulties that must accrue to themselves and their constituents, by the operation of the several acts of parliament imposing duties and taxes on the American colonies.

As it is a subject in which every colony is deeply interested, they have no reason to doubt but your house is duly impressed with its importance; and that such constitutional measures will be come into as are proper. It seems to be necessary, that all possible care should be taken that the representations of the several assemblies, upon so delicate a point, should harmonize with each other: The house therefore hope that this letter will be candidly considered in no other light than as expressing a disposition freely to communicate their mind to a sister colony, upon a common concern in the same manner as they would be glad to receive the sentiments of your or any other House of assembly on the continent.

The House have humbly represented to the ministry, their own sentiments: That his Majesty's high court of parliament is the supreme legislative power over the whole empire: That in all free states the constitution is fixed: and as the supreme legislative derives its power and authority from the constitution, it cannot over-leap the bounds of it, without destroying its own foundation: That the constitution ascertains and limits both sovereignty and allegiance; and therefore his Majesty's American subjects who acknowledge themselves bound by the ties of allegiance, have an equitable claim to the full enjoyment of the fundamental rules of the British constitution: That it is an essential unalterable right in nature, ingrafted into the British constitution, as a fundamental law, and ever held sacred and irrevocable by the subjects within the realm, that

what a man hath honestly acquired, is absolutely his own, which he may freely give, but cannot be taken from him without his consent: That the American subjects may therefore, exclusive of any consideration of charter rights, with a decent firmness adapted to the character of free men and subjects assert this natural constitutional right.

It is moreover their humble opinion, which they express with the greatest deference to the wisdom of the parliament; that the acts made there, imposing duties on the people of this province with the sole and express purpose of raising a revenue, are infringements of their natural & constitutional rights; because, as they are not represented in the British parliament, his Majesty's commons in Britain, by those acts, grant their property without their consent.

This house further are of opinion, that their constituents, considering their local circumstances, cannot by any possibility, be represented in the parliament; and that it will for ever be impracticable that they should be equally represented there, and consequently not at all; being separated by an ocean of a thousand leagues: that his Majesty's royal predecessors, for this reason, were graciously pleased to form a subordinate legislative here, that their subjects might enjoy the unalienable right of a representation. Also that considering the utter impracticability of their ever being fully and equally represented in parliament, and the great expence that must unavoidably attend even a partial representation there, this house think, that a taxation of their constituents, even without their consent, grievous as it is, would be preferable to any representation that could be admitted for them there.

Upon these principles, and also considering that were the right in the parliament ever so clear, yet for obvious reasons, it would be beyond the rule of equity, that their constituents should be taxed on the manufactures of Great-Britain here, in addition to the duties they pay for them in England, and other advantages arising to Great-Britain from the acts of trade: this house have preferred a humble, dutiful and loyal petition to our most gracious Sovereign, and made such representation to his Majesty's ministers, as they apprehended would tend to obtain redress.

They have also submitted to consideration, whether any people can be said to enjoy any degree of freedom, if the crown, in addition to its undoubted authority, of constituting a governor, should appoint him such a stipend as it shall judge proper, without the consent of the people, and at their expence: and whether, while the judges of the land, and other civil officers, hold not their commissions during good behaviour, their having salaries appointed for them by the crown, independent of the people, hath not a tendency to subvert the principles of equity, and endanger the happiness and security of the subjects.

In addition to these measures, the house have wrote a letter to their agent Mr. DeBerdt, the sentiments of which he is directed to lay before the ministry; wherein they take notice of the hardship of the act for preventing munity and desertion, which requires the governor and council to provide enumerated articles for the King's marching troops, and the people to pay the expence: and also the commission of the gentlemen appointed commissioners of the customs to reside in America, which authorizes them to make as many appointments as they think fit, and to pay the appointees what sums they please, for whose misconduct they are not accountable—From whence it may happen that officers of the crown may be multiplied to such a degree as to become dangerous to the liberty of the people, by virtue of a commission which doth not appear to this house to derive any such advantages to trade, as many have been led to expect.

These are the sentiments and proceedings of this house; and as they have too much reason to believe that the enemies of the colonies have represented them to his Majesty's ministers and the parliament, as factious, disloyal, & having a disposition to make themselves independent of the mother country, they have taken occasion in the most humble terms, to assure his Majesty, and his ministers, that with regard to the people of this province, and as they doubt not of all the colonies, the charge is unjust.

The house is fully satisfied that your assembly is too generous & enlarged in sentiment, to believe, that this letter proceeds from an ambition of taking the lead, or dictating to the other assemblies; they freely submit their opinion to the judgment of others, and shall take it kind in your house, to point out to them any thing further which may be thought necessary.

This house cannot conclude, without expressing their firm confidence in the King, our common head and father, that the united & dutiful supplications of his distressed American subjects, will meet with his royal and favourable acceptance.

Signed by the Speaker.

TO BE SOLD

A Piece of Land in the Common, a little below Major Hancock's, 30 Feet front to the Common, 130 Feet to a Street to the Southward. Enquire of NATHANIEL BALFON, Esq;

The Circular Letter, see the 1st Column of this Page, & Vide Page 748 Vol. 1.

Vide the Circular Letter page 43, and the references * The Molass Act, pa. 9, & last, pa. 795, Vol. 1.

We have the pleasure to inform our Readers, that the House of Representatives in the present Session of the General Assembly, have received very agreeable Letters from diverse Houses of Representatives, &c. of the other Colonies, in answer to the preceding Circular Letter of the late House, of the 11th of February last, of which the following are Copies of those from Virginia, New-Jersey and Connecticut, &c.

To the Honorable the Speaker of the Honorable House of Representatives of the Province of the Massachusetts-Bay.

Virginia, May 9. 1768.

S I R,

THE House of Burgesses of this Colony proceeded very soon after they met to the consideration of your important Letter of the 11th of February 1768, written in the name and by order of the House of Representatives of your Province; and I have received their particular direction to desire you to inform that honorable House, that they applaud them for their attention to American liberty, and that the steps they have taken thereon, will convince them of their opinion of the fatal tendency of the acts of parliament complain'd of, and of their fixed resolution to concur with the other colonies in their application for redress.

After the most deliberate consultation, they tho't it their duty to represent to the Parliament of Great Britain, that they are truly sensible of the happiness and security they derive from their connexions with and dependance on Great-Britain, and are under the greatest concern that any unlucky incident should interrupt that salutary harmony, which they wish ever to subsist. They lament that the remoteness of their situation often exposes them to such misrepresentations, as are apt to involve them in censures of disloyalty to their Sovereign, and the want of a proper respect to the British parliament; whereas they have indulged themselves in the agreeable persuasion, that they ought to be considered as inferior to none of their fellow-subjects in loyalty & affection.

That they do not affect an independency of their parent kingdom, the prosperity of which they are bound to the utmost of their abilities to promote, but cheerfully acquiesce in the authority of Parliament to make laws for preserving a necessary dependance, and for regulating the trade of the colonies. Yet they cannot conceive, and humbly insist, it is not essential to support a proper relation between a mother country & colonies transplanted from her, that she should have a right to raise money from them without their consent, and presume they do not aspire to more than the natural rights of British subjects, when they assert, that no power on earth has a right to impose taxes on the people, or take the smallest portion of their property, without their consent, given by their Representatives in Parliament. This has ever been considered as the chief pillar of the constitution; without this support no man can be said to have the least shadow of liberty, since they can have no property in that, which another can by right take from them when he pleases, without their consent.

That their ancestors brought over with them intire, and transmitted to their descendants, the natural and constitutional rights they had enjoyed in their native country; and the first principles of the British constitution were early engrafted into the constitution of the colonies. Hence a legislative authority, ever essential in all free states, was derived, and assimilated as nearly as might be to that in England; the executive power and the right of assenting or dissenting to all laws reserved to the Crown, and the privilege of choosing their own representatives continued to the people, and confirm'd to them by repeated and express resolutions. The government thus established, they enjoyed the fruits of their own labour with a serenity which liberty only can impart. Upon pressing occasions they applied to his Majesty for relief, and gratefully acknowledge they have frequently received it from their mother country; whenever their assistance was necessary, requisitions have constantly been made from the Crown to the representatives of the people, who have complied with them to the utmost extent of their abilities. The ample provision made for the support of civil Government, in the reign of King Charles the second, and at his request, and the large supplies voted during the last war, upon requisitions from his Majesty and his royal grandfather, afford early and late instances of the dispositions of the assemblies of this colony, and are sufficient proofs that the Parliament of Great-Britain did not, till lately, assume a power of imposing taxes on the people, for the purpose of raising a revenue.

To say that the Commons of Great-Britain have a right to impose internal taxes on the inhabitants of this continent, who are not and cannot be represented, is in effect to bid them prepare for a state of slavery. What must be their situation should such a right be establish'd? This colonies have no constitutional check on their liberality in giving away their money, cannot have an opportunity of explaining their grievances, or of pointing out the easiest

method of taxation, for their doom will generally be determined before they are acquainted that the subject has been agitated in Parliament, and the Commons bear no proportion of the taxes they lay upon them. The notion of a virtual representation, which would render all our rights merely ideal, has been so often and so clearly refuted, that nothing need be said on that head.

The oppressive stamp-act confessedly imposed internal taxes, and the late acts of parliament, giving and granting certain duties in the British colonies, plainly tend to the same point. Duties have been imposed to restrain the commerce of one part of the Empire that was likely to prove injurious to another, and by this means the welfare of the whole promoted; but duties imposed on such of the British exports as are necessities of life, to be paid by the colonies on importation, without any view to the interests of commerce, but merely to raise a revenue, or in other words to compel the colonies to part with their money against their inclinations, they conceive to be as internal to all intents and purposes. And can it be thought just or reasonable, restricted as they are in their trade, confined as they are in their exports, obliged to purchase these very necessities at the British market, that they should now be told they shall not have them without paying a duty for them?

The act suspending the legislative power of New-York, they consider as still more alarming to the Colonies, tho' it has that single province in view. If the parliament can compel them to furnish a single article to the troops sent over, they may, by the same rule, oblige them to furnish cloaths, arms, and every other necessary, even the pay of the officers and soldiers, a doctrine replete with every mischief, and utterly subversive of all that's dear and valuable: For what advantage can the people of the colonies derive from their right of choosing their own Representatives, if those Representatives when chosen, not permitted to exercise their own judgments, were under a necessity (on pain of being deprived of their legislative authority) of enforcing the mandates of a British Parliament.

This, Sir, is a sketch of their sentiments, as they are expressed in a Petition to his Majesty, a Memorial to the right honorable the Lords spiritual and temporal, and in a remonstrance to the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses of Great-Britain in Parliament assembled. In all their proceedings the Council of this Colony have concurred, and have directed their agent, James Abercromby, Esq; to join Edward Montague, Esq; the agent for this Colony, in applying for redress of the grievances they so justly complain of. Copies were delivered to the President of the Council, now Commander in Chief, who is desired to transmit them to the Secretary of State appointed by his Majesty to manage the affairs of North America, and Mr. Montague is enjoined to consult the Agents of the other Colonies, and to cooperate with them in every measure that shall be thought necessary to be taken on this critical point.

They trust they have expressed themselves with a firmness that becomes freemen pleading for essential rights, and with a decency that will take off every imputation of faction or disloyalty. They repose entire confidence in his Majesty, who is ever attentive to the complaints of his subjects, and is ever ready to relieve their distress; and they are not without hopes that the Colonies united in a decent and regular opposition, may prevail on a new House of Commons to put a stop to measures so directly repugnant to the interests both of the Mother country and her Colonies.

In the name and by order of the House of Burgesses.

I am, with the greatest respect,
Your most obedient humble Servant,
FRYTON RANDOLPH, Speaker.

Colony of New-Jersey, May 9. 1768.

S I R,

AS soon as the House of Representatives of this Colony met, which was on the 12th of April, I laid your Letter of the 11th of February before them.

Sensible that the law you complain of, is a subject in which every Colony is interested, the House of Representatives readily perceived the necessity of an immediate application to the King, and that it should correspond with those of the other Colonies; but as they have not had an opportunity of knowing the sentiments of any other Colony, but that of the Massachusetts-Bay, they have endeavored to conform themselves to the mode adopted by you.

They have therefore given instructions to their Agent and enjoined his attention to the subject of their Petition.

The freedoms with which the House of Representatives of the Massachusetts-Bay have communicated their sentiments upon a matter of so great concern to all the Colonies, hath been received by this House, with that candor, the spirit and design of your letter merits—And at the same time, that they acknowledge themselves obliged to you for communicating your sentiments to them, they have directed me to assure you, that they are desirous to keep up

a correspondence with you, and to unite with the Colonies, if necessary, in further supplications to his Majesty, to relieve his distressed American Subjects.

In the name and by order of the House of Representatives, I am, Sir, your most obedient humble servant.

CORLAND SEINER, Speaker.

Colony of Connecticut, 11th June 1768.

S I R,

BY Order of the House of Representatives of this Colony, I am to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 11th February last, communicating the Sense which the Representative Body of your Province have of the great Difficulties to which they and their constituents must be subjected by the operation of the several Acts of the British Parliament by you referred to, and the measures they have gone into for obtaining redress of those grievances.

Your Letter was laid before this House of Representatives early in the Session which is now just closed. They consider the said Acts of Parliament in their nature, tendency and operation as matters of serious concern and very interesting importance to this and all the English American Colonies, and are of opinion that no constitutional measures proper for obtaining relief ought to be neglected by any, and that it is of importance their measures for that end should harmonize with each other, as their success may in a great degree depend on their union in sentiment and practice, on this critical and interesting occasion.

The House therefore very kindly accepted your Letter, and are persuaded from the importance of the Cause, the laudable zeal, and the generous exertions of the province of the Massachusetts Bay, from time to time, in favor of her constitutional freedom, that it proceeded only from a hearty concern for the just rights, the common interest and welfare of these Colonies.

This House are desirous ever to cultivate the strictest friendship and harmony with the neighbouring Colonies, and with none more than your's, and will be always ready to receive with the utmost candor their opinion in any matters of general concern, and equally willing on all proper occasions to communicate their own sentiments on any subject of our common welfare, in full confidence they would meet with the same friendly and candid acceptance.

This House have also taken into their serious consideration the operation of the said Acts of Parliament, and are deeply sensible that this, in common with her Sister Colonies, must thereby be involved in great difficulties, which are perhaps a prelude to still greater, and have pursued measures for obtaining redress similar to those adopted by the House of Representatives of your province.

We cannot but entertain, with you, the strongest confidence in the King's royal clemency, justice and goodness, that the united, dutiful supplications of his faithful, distressed Subjects in America, will meet with a kind and gracious acceptance.

In the name and by order of the House of Representatives, I am, Sir, with great esteem and respect, your most obedient humble servant,

ZEBULON WEST, Speaker.

Boston, June 27. 1768.

His Excellency the Governor of this Province, on Tuesday last, ordered a Message to be delivered to the House of Representatives, requiring them in his Majesty's Name to Rescind a Resolution of the last House, on which their circular Letter to the other Governments, (which is inserted in this Day's Paper) was founded.—This Message was committed to a large Committee, who on the Day following reported to the House, that it would be of great Use to have laid before them a Copy of the King's Instruction to the Governor on this Matter, a Copy of the whole of Lord Hillsborough's Letter accompanying the Message, and another Letter from his Lordship which the Committee understood had been communicated to his Majesty's Council, and also Copies of such Letters as his Excellency had wrote to his Lordship on the Subject contained in the Message.—Upon this Report the House sent a Message to the Governor, to request of him the aforesaid Papers.—In Consequence of which he was pleased to send them another Message, and the Remainder of Lord Hillsborough's Letter, in which the Governor had positive Orders in Case of a Refusal of the House to comply with the Requisition, to Dissolve the General Court immediately. The Governor did not chuse to favor the House with the second Letter from his Lordship, nor his own Letters on the Subject; but added in his Message, that if the House should oblige him in Pursuance of his Orders to Dissolve the Assembly, it would not be in his Power to issue Precepts for calling a new Assembly till his Majesty's Pleasure should be further known.—This last Message was committed, and a Report is expected this Week.

Letters from North-Carolina, mention that there are great disturbances in that province, occasioned by the Act of Parliament, prohibiting the issue of any more paper currency.

We hear that the Hon. the Commissioners of the Customs, and the other Officers, who had retired on board his Majesty's Ship Romney, in the late Disturbance, have since disembarked, and landed at Castle William, where a Board was held on Tuesday last. The Collector for the Port of Boston, is still at the Castle.

Last Week a Rattle Snake was killed at Milton which measured 7 Feet in Length, and 12 Inches in Circumference; the largest that has been seen there for some Years past.

Last Monday between One & Two o'Clock, P.M. a Shock of an Earthquake was felt at Piscataqua; the Noise was loud, but not attended with much shaking as usual: At Londonderry, it is said to have been very considerable, and of long duration.

Yesterday arrived the Gaspee armed Cutter, Capt. Allen, from New-York, and Capt. Boas, in a Ship from Lisbon.

Last Week, a Boat crossing the Ferry at Almsbury, was overset, by which Accident one Man and a Horse were drowned.

Next Wednesday Night the Moon will be totally eclipsed.—Duration of Total Darkness, according to Dr. Ames, 1 Hour, 1 Minute, 31 Seconds.

Capt. Wier, from this Place, is arrived at Quebec.

Extract of a Letter from London, April 16, 1768.

“ Lord Chatham now lives a very retired Life, at his old Seat at Hayes in Kent, and is either unable, or unwilling, or both, to take part in the public affairs.—Lord Townshend, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, lives jovially with that People, knowing and declaring, that he was sent among them by accident, and that his reign there will be but short.”

Faneuil-Hall Lottery begins Drawing on the 1st Day of July next:—A few Tickets may be had of the Printers hereof, if applied for immediately.

Mr. Bailey's Reply to a Piece in our Paper of April 25th, a Number of Advertisements, &c. must be deferred till our next.

New-York, June 20.

The London Papers mention that the last advices from Spain were unfavorable, and that it was thought we were upon the eve of a rupture with that court.

By some late accounts from the Straights, the French and Spaniards in that part of the world, are very busy in preparing for WAR; and that several transports with troops have sailed for the West Indies.—The crisis of many important events seems to be near at hand.

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All Persons indebted to the Estate

of Samuel Sturgis, Esq; deceased, are once more desired to make immediate Payment of their respective Debts to the Executors of said deceased's last Will, or they may expect to be sued without further Notice.

Province of Massachusetts—Boston, June 22.

Bay, Court of Vice Admiralty, 1768.

All Persons claiming Property in

the Sloop Liberty, 20 Barrels of Tar, and 200 Barrels of Oil, seized on the 10th Day of June inst. by Joseph Harrison, Esq; Collector of the Customs for the Port of Boston, for Breach of the Acts of Trade; are hereby notified to appear (if they see fit) at a Court of Vice-Admiralty to be holden at Boston, on Thursday the 7th Day of July next, at nine o'Clock beforenoon, to shew Cause (if any they have) why the said Sloop, Tar and Oil, should not be adjudged to remain forfeit Pursuant to an Information filed in said Court for that Purpose.

Per Curiam, EZEKIEL PRICE, D. Regr.

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Will be sold by PUBLIC VENDUE,
By JOHN GERRISH,
At his VENDUE-OFFICE, NORTH-END,
A Great Variety of New & sound

Goods, just imported, &c.

Also, Second-hand Articles—as Large Looking-Glass; Feather Beds; Wundry Desks; 4 or 6 common Bedsteads; 6 or 7 Seamen's Chests; a Parcel of large Pewter Soup Dishes; an excellent Guinea Silver Watch; Linens of all sorts for Sheetting; Checks of all sorts; Variety of printed Cottons, Calicoes; Wide Sheetting; Patterns for Breeches—and very many more Articles—to be seen before the Sale. The Sale to begin THIS EVENING (Monday) & to be continued—To-Morrow Evening.

—Vendue-Office—North-End—
JOHN GERRISH.

Robert Duncan

At his Shop next Door to the Heart & Crown in Cornhill, Boston, has imported in the last Vessels from LONDON.

A general Assortment of English and India GOODS, which for the Cash he will sell without exception (the quality being equal) as low as can be bought out of any Shop or Store in Town.—Also about 500 Barrels of Tar, 20 lb. Rosin, a Quantity of Hog's Fat, and Snake-Root, &c. which will be sold very low, if applied for immediately.

Imported in the last Ships from LONDON, And to be Sold by

Sufannah Renken

At her Shop in Fore Street, near the Draw-Bridge, Boston,

English and India Damask, Pa-

dufoys, Tabbies, Brocades, plain, striped & changeable Lutefringes, flower'd & plain Ducaper, sprig'd and plain Sattins, Capuchin Silks of all colors, Taf-feties & Persians, rich black Damask for Waistcoats, Book Mullins, flower'd & plain Lawns, Cambricks, white Laces, black Bone ditto, Ivory Fans, Leather and Silver mounts, Bone ditto, Silk Shoes and Glogs; English Russel & Lynn Shoes, Childrens Moroccos ditto, Bengals, silk, worsted & Leather Gloves and Mitts, Chincos, Calicoes, printed Cottons, Cotton Holland, Check ditto, Furniture Check, Callimancoes, Poplins, Camblets, Russel, worsted, cotton and thread Hose, German Serges, Irish Linens, Sheetting ditto, Dowlas, silk & cotton striped Dowlas, Russia Linnen, Damask & Diaper Table Cloths, Glazing ditto, white Gauze, black ditto, Cargot, French Necklaces, common & Garnet ditto, Sattin Hats and Bonnets, a great Assortment of Ribbons, silk Handkerchiefs, Linnen & Cotton ditto, Snail Trimming, sewing Silk, Pound Pins, Threads, Needles, Tapes, English Worsted, Crewels, Spiets of all Sorts, which are to be sold cheap for Cash.

Samuel Allyne Otis

Has just imported and is determined to sell at the lowest Advance, at STORE, No. 5, South Side of the Town Dock, by Wholesale and Retail.

Choice Jamaica Sugars,	Irish Linens,
by the Hoghead,	Cotton Checks,
Barrel or single Ct.	1/2 & yard wide Garlets,
Cotton-Wool, Pepper,	Pins of all Numbers,
Pipes, Wool-Cards,	Ticklingburg & Orsnabrigs
Spices of all Kinds	Kilmarnock Caps,
Bar-Iron and Steel	Belladine Sewing Silk,
Cordage, Cod Lines,	An Assortment Calicoes,
Russia and Ravens Duck,	Best London Scythes and
Quart Bottles,	Sickles,
6 by 8 & 7 by 9 Glafs,	4d. 10d. & 20d. Nails,
Frying Pans,	Roll Brimlons,
Time Glasses,	Copperas, Alum,
Gun-Powder, Shot,	Fine SALT by the Hog-
Twine,	head or Bulbel.

N. B. BOHEA TEA and other Articles

at said STORE, very cheap as usual.

Custom-House Boston, June 25. 1768.

ENTERED-IN.

Bulkley, Goodspeed & Higgins from Connecticut; Andrews from Cayenne & St. Eustatia, Darks and Blake, from Martinica; Parsons, from Guadaloupe; Stone from Philadelphia; Henderson from Barbados; Cordis from Hispaniola; Bradford from St. Martin.

OUTWARD-BOUND.

Bulkley & Higgins for Connecticut; Dean for Jamaica; Bafworth & Lamson for N. Carolina; Orr for Glasgow; Hall for London; Gorham for Philadelphia.

CLEARED-OUT.

Hudson, Kellam & Payn for N. Carolina; Turner & Purbeck for Newfoundland; Austin for West Indies; Johnson & Whismurth for Barbados, Somers for Halifax; Morey for Virginia; Smithwick for Bay Cheleur & Newfoundland, Boucher for Luzern, Wood for Honduras.

She Circular Letter no. 43 & As Molaper Act no. 9. — Glass Act no. 785. Vol. 1. — Billiting Act page 274. & no. 157. & vid his Letter page 837 & vid. no. 146.

Martin Brimmer

Has just imported from LONDON.
A general Assortment of DRUGS and MEDICINES, which will be sold cheap at his Shop near the Head of Seven Star Lane; among which are Patent Medicines of almost all Kinds; best Salvolatile, Lavender and Hungary Water; also a variety of Smelling Bottles, from 6d. to Two Dollars, Court Plaster, Velvet Corks, Figs, Raisins, Currants, Spices of all Kinds, Oil, Logwood, Red Wood, Coperas, Alum, Madder, Rosin, &c. &c.
Medicine Sea Boxes, of all Prices, completed in the best Manner, on a long approved Plan.
Brought in the Ship Juno, from Bristol, and to be sold Cheap for Cash, by

Constant Freeman,

At his House in School Street,
Cheese, Boxes of Lisbon Lemons,
Loaf Sugar, Boxes of Tin Plates, Manchester Check, Dowlast, Irish Linens, and sundry other Goods, which will be sold either by Wholesale or Retail.
Imported in the Ship London Packet, Capt. Cales, from London, and to be sold by

Barnabas Clarke

At his Store in Treat's Wharf, near the Market, Boston, at the lowest Rates,
Bohea Tea by the Chest or less Quantity,
Pepper by the Bag, or ditto, species of all Kinds,
Best Durham Mustard by the Box,
Russia, English and Ravens Duck,
Gun-Powder by the Cask.
ALSO, Kippen's Souff, best French Indigo, Pimento, Ground & Race Ginger, Muscovado Sugars, Philadelphia Flour, Bar Iron, Iron Hoops for Casks, Anchors from 1C. 2qrs. ellb. to 4C. 6q. ellb. Wt.

This is to give Notice to the Candidates for their second Degrees this Year. That they attend at the College in this Place, by the thirteenth Day of July next; and if any neglect to give their Attendance accordingly, without sufficient Reason therefor, they may not expect their said Degrees this Year.
E. HOLYOKE, Pres^t.
Cambridge, June 20. 1768.

Notice is hereby given to all who Before an Admission into Harvard College this Year, That the President and Tutors have determined to attend the Business of Examination on the twenty-first and second Days of July next.
Cambridge, June 26. 1768. E. HOLYOKE, Pres^t.

TO BE SOLD.
On board the Ship Sally, John Marbham, Master, The best of Lisbon SALT,
Enquire at JOHN ROWE'S Store, or on board said Ship at said Rowe's Wharf. June 20. 1768.

Bristol Beer in small Hampers; and a few Hogheads of large Salt for Repacking Mackerel, to be sold at Store No. 9. on the Long Wharf.

A Servant Maid's Time to be disposed of for two Years and an Half. She is a good Sempstress, can do all Kinds of Household Work, and can Card & Spin, is very strong and healthy, and can be recommended for her Honesty. Enquire of the Printer.

Whereas there was ship'd on board the Snow Adventure, Joseph Holmes, Master, from Bristol, a Cask marked NC. (in one) No. 17. This to notify the Owner, that by applying to Peter Hughes, at his Store in King-street, he will deliver the same, they paying the Charges. Boston, June 18. 1768.

On Monday Night, the 16th of May last, was broke open the Felling-Mill of Eliab Fobes, of Bridgewater, and one Piece of blue Cloth, just dressed, containing 8 1/2 Yards; another Piece of Linen & Woollen Cloth, 8 Yards, full'd & pressed, of a brownish Colour; 2 Pair of Mens Stockings, black, and 1 Pattern of knit Breeches, black, were stolen therefrom: And as it is probable that the Cloth, &c. was conveyed and sold on the Road to, or at Boston, it is desired that the Purchaser thereof will be kind enough to send a Line to the Printers hereof, describing the Thief or Thieves who sold it to him, which may be a Means of detecting the Rogues, which is all the Satisfaction Mr. Fobes desires, and he will handsomely reward the Informer, if they are finally convicted.

TO BE LET,
A HOUSE in Cambridge Street, three Rooms on a Floor, and Out-Houses, with good Water. The above House to be let Whole or in Part. Enquire of the Printers.

Richard Smith

In KING-STREET.
A complete Assortment of English and India Goods, suitable for the SPRING TRADE; in which is an elegant and fashionable Variety of PRINTS; and other Fancy Goods;—the whole procured on the very best TERMS, & will be sold for the lowest Advance (by Wholesale) for Cash or short Credit. A. B. Bohea Tea by the Chest, Pewter, Gun-Powder, Shot, Cutlery Ware, Indigo, Russia Duck, and a few Casks of new RICE.
Cash given for good Pot and Pearl Ash.

James & Wm. Cazneau

Have imported in the Squirrel, Capt. Rotch, from London, and the Boston-Packet, Capt. Kennedy, from Bristol, A Large Assortment of

HARD-WARE GOODS,

Consisting of the following Articles,
24. 3d. 4d. 6d. 8d. 10d. & 20d. Nails by the Cask or single Thousand, all sizes of Brads & Tacks, Brass Kettles & Skillets, warming, frying & dripping Pans, Brass Furniture for Desks, all sizes London Pewter Dishes, Plates & Basins, Quart Tankards, Quart and Pint Cans, Hard-metal Tea & Cream Pots, large and small Spoons, Andirons, Shovels & Tonges, Bellows, Chafing-dishes & Candlesticks, all sizes of Bolts, Hinges, Locks, Latches, Rasps & Files, belt Powder, Shot & Flints, Cod & Mackerel Hooks & Lines, English and German Steel, by the Hundred or single Bar, Shoemakers and Sadlers Ware, all sorts of Brushes, No. 4 & 12 Pins, common and best sewing Needles, Sickles and Sheep Shears, Seives and Seive Bottoms, 6 by 8, & 7 by 9 Window Glais, best large G. B. Wool Cards, Velvet Corks, &c. &c. With a great Variety of Sheffield, Birmingham, and other Wares, too many to be enumerated in an Advertisement.—All which they will sell at their SHOP in Cornhill, just above the Market, at the very lowest Prices, for CASH only.

To be sold by HENRY LLOYD,

At Warehouse No. 5. on the Long Wharf,
Choice French Indigo, Albany Peas, Connecticut Pork, Esopus Flour, New-York Butter-Bread, refined Iron, Pig Iron, Ship Bread, Cordage, Anchors, Sperma-ceti Candles, Cotton Wool, Silk Handkerchiefs, Feathers, Logwood, &c. &c.
One New Negro Boy, three Girls; also a Negro Man, that has been in the Country some Time, at reasonable Rates.

Essex. WE whose Names are under-written, being appointed by the Hon. Nathaniel Roper, Esq; Judge of Probate, &c. for the County of Essex, to receive and examine the Claims of Debt against the Estate of George Stacey, late of Marblehead, in said County, Gentleman, deceased, represented insolvent, and six Months, from the second Day of May last, being allowed the Creditors to bring in and prove their Claims, HEREBY give Notice, that we shall attend that Business, at the House of Major Richard Reed, Innholder in said Marblehead, on the last Wednesday of this and each of the four next ensuing Months, from Five to Nine o'Clock in the Evening.
John Chipman, Isaac Mansfield, Woodward Abraham.
Marblehead, June 3. 1768.

All Persons who have any Demands

on, or are indebted to the Estate of the late Mr. Samuel Hughes, of Boston, Merchant, deceased, are desired to settle the same with James Boutineau & Elizabeth Hughes, Executors of the said deceased's Will.—And as they are determined to make a speedy Settlement of the said Estate, they will sell at the very lowest Rates, at the Store formerly kept by the Deceased, in Kingstreet, the following Merchandise and Effects belonging to the said Estate, viz.
Hemp, Yarns, Junk, Cables, Anchors, Ship's Stoves, Iron Hearths, English Duck, Russia & Ravens Duck, Ticklinburgs, Oznabrigs, Shalloons, Tammys, Buntings, Mackerel, Log and Cod Lines, Houlline, Marline, Sail, Whipping & Seine Twine, Printing-Ink, Pepper, Bohea Tea, Poland & common Starch, choice Florence Oil, coarse, middling and fine Seive Bottoms, Loaf and Brown Sugar, Brimstone, white Lead, Spanish Brown, Whiting, Apothecary's Phials, 7 by 9 Glais, Quarter minute, Half minute, Half Hour, Hour, and two Hour Glasses, Crates of Stone Cups and Saucers, ditto of Earthen Ware, English Sole Leather, 11, 12, 15 and 18 Inch Pipes, Shot, Lead, Nails, Gun-powder, Cutlery Ware, Coals, Chaulk, Grindstones, Mahogany, &c.
N. B. A few Boxes of choice Lemmons.
Also, a Sloop, burthen about 75 Tons, A Brig, three Years old, 110 Tons, A Ship 18 Months old, 120 Tons.

TICKETS in FANEUIL Hall

Lottery Letter A. to be had at the Heart & Crown.

Stollen or taken away from Capt.

Joseph Whitcomb, of Lancaster, the 9th Day of May last, a dark grey Horse, with some white on his Feet, and some white in his Face, wall-eyed in the opinion of some, but more properly what is called a Silver Eye, about 5 Years old, & is about 14 Hands high, a natural Pacer, and was taken away by one Samuel Price, of a middle Stature, & dark colour'd or black Hair, with black Eyes, a well-favored Man, & calls himself about 25 years of age; has a Scar on his Knee, and a Mold on his Breast; a Scar or Mold on his Head or Face; Pretends to be an Artift in the separation of Silver and Lead apart, and also pretends to be an Artift to find Mines or Minerals, and carries a small Trunk, and is an arch Hand to play or show Tricks, which some will call Witchcraft. Whoever shall take up said Price and Horse, the Man to be secured in any of his Majesty's Goals, and the Horse to me the Subscriber, shall have TEN DOLLARS Reward, and all necessary Charges paid by me,
Joseph Whitcomb.
Lancaster, June 8. 1768.

Province of Massachusetts-Bay.

To the Hon. SAMUEL DANFORTH, Esq; one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace throughout the Province aforesaid,

Humbly shew,
THE Subscribers divers of the Proprietors of a certain Tract of common & undivided Land, situate in the late Province of Maine, beginning on the west side of Saco river about fifteen miles above the Mouth of said River, at the Head of the Patent Land, so called, and running up by said River into the Country till it meets with the Line between the Province of New-Hampshire and the Province of Maine, where it crosses the two Townships commonly known by the Names of Fry's Town & Brown's Town, or Conway, in length; and in breadth from Saco River, excepting four Miles westerly of said River, the fifteen Miles aforesaid, to Newichewannock River, running from the head Line of Biddeford by Arundell and Wells to Berwick and Lebanon Lines, and thence to said River (excepting Phillipsown and Coxhall) and thence as the dividing Line between the Provinces aforesaid runs, and by said Line as far as where it crosses Fry's Town and Conway as aforesaid: And your Petitioners apprehending it would be for the Advantage of all who are interested in said Tract of Land if a Meeting of the Proprietors thereof was called and held as soon as conveniently may be: We therefore pray that your Honor would be pleased to grant a Warrant for that Purpose; said Meeting to be holden at the British Coffee House in Boston, on Wednesday the 27th Day of July next, at Six of the clock in the Afternoon; then and there to chuse a Moderator and Clerk, and to appoint a Committee to act in behalf of the Proprietors, and more especially to prosecute in the Law all such Persons as have trespassed upon said Lands, either by erecting Houses, Mills or other Buildings, or by strip or waste; and in general to transact all Matters and Things which may batho't necessary to promote the general Advantage of the Proprietors.

- Andrew Oliver
N. Sparhawk
Thomas Cushing
John Hancock
Sam. Waterhouse
Wm. Phillips for
Abigail Brinsford
Wilm. Pepperrell
Samuel Adams
A. Oliver, jun.
Gawen Brown.

Province of Massachusetts-Bay.

To the Honorable ANDREW OLIVER, Esq; one of the Proprietors and Petitioners above-mentioned, Greeting.

IN His Majesty's Name you are hereby required to notify and warn (in Time and Manner as the Law directs) the Proprietors of the Tract of common and undivided Land above-mentioned and described, to meet at the Time and Place and for the Purposes set forth in the foregoing Petition.

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal this Third Day of June, Anno Domini, 1768, and in the Eighth Year of his Majesty's Reign.

S. DANFORTH, Justice of the Peace throughout the said Province.

IN Pursuance of the foregoing Warrant, the Proprietors of the Lands therein mentioned are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Time and Place and for the Purposes set forth in the foregoing Petition.
June 8. 1768. AND^r OLIVER.

TO BE LET,

A House in Cold-Lane, opposite Sudbury-Street, in two Tenements, and in good Repair.—Enquire of the Printers.

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MONDAY, JUNE 27, 1768.

The following is a Copy of a Letter communicated to the Assembly of the Colony of Rhode-Island, on Saturday the 12th Instant, by the Governor of that Colony.

WHITEHALL, April 21, 1768.

GENTLEMEN,
I HAVE his Majesty's Commands to transmit to you the inclosed Copy of a Letter from the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Colony of the Massachusetts-Bay, addressed by Order of that House to the Speaker of the Assembly of each Colony upon the Continent of North-America: as his Majesty considers this Measure to be of a most dangerous and factious Tendency, calculated to enslave the Minds of his good Subjects in the Colonies; to promote an unwarrantable Combination, and to excite and encourage an open Opposition to and Denial of the Authority of Parliament, and to subvert the true Principles of the Constitution.—It is his Majesty's Pleasure that you should, immediately upon the Receipt hereof, exert your utmost Influence to defeat this factious Attempt to disturb the publick Peace, by prevailing upon the Assembly of your Province to take no Notice of it, which will be treating it with the Contempt it deserves.

The repeated Proofs which have been given by the Assembly of Rhode-Island of their Reverence and Respect for the Laws, and of their faithful Attachments to the Constitution, leave little room in his Majesty's Breast to doubt of their showing a proper Reluctance to this unjustifiable Attempt to revive those Diffusions which have operated so fatally to the Prejudice of this Kingdom and the Colonies: And accordingly his Majesty has the fullest Confidence in their Affection, and expects they will give him the strongest Proofs of them on this and every other Occasion.

I am with great Truth and Regard,
Gentlemen, your most obedient
humble Servant,
HILLSBOROUGH H.

Altho' the early insertion of the Letter referred to, we think it proper at this Time to insert it again, that the impartial World may judge of its Nature and Tendency, and whether it fully deserves Contempt.

Copy of a Letter written by the Hon. the House of Representatives, in the last Session of the General Assembly, and sent to the respective Assemblies on the Continent. Province of the Massachusetts-Bay, Feb. 11, 1768.

To the Honourable the Speaker of the Honourable House of Representatives of the Province of _____

SIR,
THE House of Representatives of this Province, have taken into their serious consideration, the great difficulties that must accrue to themselves and their constituents, by the operation of the several acts of parliament imposing duties and taxes on the American colonies.

As it is a subject in which every colony is deeply interested, they have no reason to doubt but your House is duly impressed with its importance; and that such constitutional measures will be come into as are proper. It seems to be necessary, that all possible care should be taken that the representations of the several assemblies upon so delicate a point, should harmonize with each other: The House therefore hope that the latter will be candidly considered in no other light than as expressing a disposition freely to communicate their mind to a sister colony, upon a common concern in the same manner as they would be glad to receive the sentiments of your or any other House of assembly on the continent.

The House have humbly represented to the ministry, their own sentiments: That his Majesty's high court of parliament is the supreme legislative power over the whole empire: That in all free states the constitution is fixed; and as the supreme legislative derives its power and authority from the constitution, it cannot overleap the bounds of it, without destroying its own foundation: That the constitution ascertains and limits both sovereignty and allegiance; and therefore his Majesty's American subjects who acknowledge themselves bound by the ties of allegiance, have an equitable claim to the full enjoyment of the fundamental rights of the British constitution: That it is an essential unalienable right in nature, ingrafted into the British constitution, as a fundamental law, and ever held sacred and inviolable by the subjects within the realm, that what a man hath honestly acquired, is absolutely his own, which he may freely give, but cannot be taken from him without his consent: That the American subjects may therefore, exclusive of any consideration of charter rights, with a decent firmness adapted to the character of free men and subjects assert this natural constitutional right.

It is moreover their humble opinion, which they express with the greatest deference to the wisdom of the parliament; that the Acts made there, imposing duties on the people of this province, with the sole and express purpose of raising a revenue, are infringements of their natural and constitutional rights; because, as they are not represented in the British parliament, his Majesty's customs in Britain, by those acts, grant their property without their consent.

This House further are of opinion, that their constituents, considering their local circumstances, cannot by any

possibility, be represented in the parliament; and that it will forever be impracticable that they should be equally represented there, and consequently not at all; being separated by an ocean of a thousand leagues: That his Majesty's royal predecessors, for this reason, were graciously pleased to form a subordinate legislative here, that their subjects might enjoy the unalienable right of a representation. Altho' that considering the utter impracticability of their ever being fully and equally represented in parliament, and the great expence that must unavoidably attend even a partial representation there, this House think, that a taxation of their constituents, even without their consent, grievous as it is, would be preferable to any representation that could be admitted for them there.

Upon these principles, and also considering that were the right in the parliament ever so clear, yet for obvious reasons, it would be beyond the rule of equity, that their constituents should be taxed on the manufactures of Great-Britain here, in addition to the duties they pay for them in England, and other advantages arising to Great-Britain from the acts of trade; this House have preferred a humble dutiful and loyal petition, to our most gracious Sovereign, and made such representation to his Majesty's ministers, as they apprehended would tend to obtain redress.

They have also submitted to consideration, whether any people can be said to enjoy any degree of freedom, if the crown, in addition to its undoubted authority of constituting a governor, should appoint him such a stipend as it shall judge proper, without the consent of the people, and at their expence; and whether, while the judges of the land, and other civil officers, hold not their commissions during good behaviour, their having salaries appointed for them by the crown, independent of the people, hath not a tendency to subvert the principles of equity, and endanger the happiness and security of the subjects.

In addition to these measures, the House have wrote a letter to their agent Mr. DeBard, the sentiments of which he is directed to lay before the ministry; wherein they take notice of the hardship of the act for preventing mutiny and sedition, which requires the governor & council to provide enumerated articles for the King's marching troops; and the people to pay the expence; and also the commission of the gentlemen appointed commissioners of the customs to reside in America, which authorizes them to make as many appointments as they think fit, and to pay the appointments what sums they please, for whose malconduct they are not accountable—From whence it may happen that officers of the crown may be multiplied to such a degree as to become dangerous to the liberty of the people; by virtue of a commission which doth not appear to this House to derive any such advantages to trade, as many have been led to expect.

These are the sentiments and proceedings of this House; and as they have too much reason to believe that the enemies of the colonies have represented them to his Majesty's ministers and the parliament, as factious, disloyal, and having a disposition to make themselves independent of the mother country, they have taken occasion in the most humble terms, to assure his Majesty, and his ministers, that with regard to the people of this province, and as they doubt not of all the colonies, the charge is unjust.

The House is fully satisfied that your assembly is too generous and enlarged in sentiment, to believe, that this letter proceeds from an ambition of taking the lead, or dictating to the other assemblies: they freely submit their opinion to the judgment of others, and shall take it kind in your House, to put out to them any thing further which may be thought necessary.

This House cannot conclude, without expressing their firm confidence in the King, our common head and father, that the united and dutiful supplications of his distressed American subjects, will meet with his royal and favourable acceptance.

Signed by the Speaker.

We know the Pleasure to inform our Readers, that the House of Representatives in the present Session of the General Assembly, have received very agreeable Letters from divers Houses of Representatives, &c. of the other Colonies, in Answer to the circular Letter of the late House of the 11th of Feb. last—Whatever the Opinion of some on the other side the Water may be, of this Letter having had Representations of it as being the rash and hasty Production of a Spirit of Faction, it seems that one respectable Body after another in America have judged it worthy their Attention. The little dirty spirit of Faction, as the well known True Patriot and his few Adherents have affected to call it, will, without all Parade, appear to his and their Abhorrence and Grief, to be the fever and caliginous Sentiments of by far the greater Part of the most reputable Inhabitants, not of Massachusetts-Bay only, but the whole American Continent!

VIRGINIA, MAY 9, 1768.

SIR,
THE House of Burgesses of this Colony proceeded very soon after they met to the consideration of your important Letter, of the 11th of February 1768, written in the name and by order of the House of Representatives of your Province; & I have received that particular direction to deuce you to inform that honourable House, that

they applaud them, for their attention to American Liberty, and that the Steps they have taken thereon, will convince them of their opinion of the fatal tendency of the acts of Parliament complained of, and of their fixed resolution to concur with the other colonies in their application for redress.

After the most deliberate consideration, they thought it their duty to represent to the Parliament of Great-Britain, That they are truly sensible of the happiness and security they derive from their connections with, and dependence on Great-Britain, and are under the greatest concern, that any unlucky incident should interrupt that salutary harmony, which they wish ever to subsist. They lament that the remoteness of their situation often exposes them to such misrepresentations, as are apt to involve them in censures of disloyalty to their Sovereign, and the want of a proper respect to the British Parliament: whereas they have indulged themselves in the agreeable persuasion, that they ought to be consider'd as inferior to none of their fellow subjects in loyalty and affection.

That they do not assert an independency of their parent kingdom, the prosperity of which they are bound as the utmost of their abilities to promote; but cheerfully acquiesce in the authority of Parliament to make laws for preserving a necessary dependence, and for regulating the trade of the colonies. Yet they cannot conceive, and humbly insist, it is not essential to support a proper relation between a mother country and colonies transplanted from her, that she should have a right to raise money from them without their consent, and presume they do not aspire to more than the natural rights of British subjects, when they assert, that no power on earth has a right to impose taxes on the people, or take the smallest portion of their property, without their consent, given by their Representatives in Parliament. This has ever been consider'd as the chief pillar of the constitution; without this support no man can be said to have the least shadow of liberty, since they can have no property in that, which another can by right take from them when he pleases, without their consent.

That their ancestors brought over with them industry and transmitted to their descendants, the natural and constitutional rights they had enjoyed in their native country; and the first principles of the British constitution were early engrained into the constitution of the colonies. Hence a legislative authority, ever essential in all free states, was derived, and assimilated as nearly as might be to that in England: the executive power and the right of assenting or dissenting to all laws referred to the Crown, and the privilege of choosing their own representatives continued to the people, and confirm'd to them by repeated and express stipulations. The Government thus established, they enjoyed the fruits of their own labour with a serenity which liberty only can impart. Upon pressing occasions they applied to his Majesty for relief, and gratefully acknowledge they have frequently received it from their mother country: whenever their assistance was necessary, requisitions have constantly been made from the Crown to the representatives of the people, who have complied with them to the utmost extent of their abilities. The ample provision made for the support of the civil Government, in the reign of King Charles the second, and at his request, and the large supplies voted during the last war, upon requisitions from his Majesty and his royal grandfather, afford early and late instances of the dispositions of the assemblies of this colony, and are sufficient proofs that the Parliament of Great-Britain did not, till lately, assume a power of imposing taxes on the people; for the purpose of raising a revenue.

To say that the Commons of Great-Britain have a right to impose internal taxes on the inhabitants of this continent, who are not and cannot be represented, is in effect to bid them prepare for a state of slavery. What must be the situation should such a right be establish'd? The colonies have no constitutional check on their liberality in giving away their money, cannot have an opportunity of explaining their grievances, or of pointing out the easiest method of taxation, for their doom will generally be determined before they are acquainted that the subject has been agitated in Parliament, and the Commons bear no proportion of the taxes they lay upon them. The notion of a virtual representation, which would render all our rights merely ideal, has been so often and so clearly refuted, that nothing need be said on that head.

The oppressive stamp-act confessedly imposed internal taxes, and the late acts of parliament, giving and granting certain duties in the British colonies, plainly tend to the same point. Duties have been imposed to restrain the commerce of one part of the Empire that was likely to prove injurious to another, and by this means the welfare of the whole promoted; but duties imposed on such of the British exports as are necessary of life, to be paid by the colonists on importation, without any view to the interests of commerce, but merely to raise a revenue, or in other words to compel the colonists to part with their money against their inclinations, they conceive to be a tax internal to all intents and purposes. And can it be thought just or reasonable, restricted as they are in their trade, confin'd as they are in their exports, oblig'd to purchase these very necessities at the British market, that they should now be told they shall not have them without paying a duty for them?

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6 Circular Letter. — Governor Barnard.

The 1st suspending the legislative power of New-York, they consider as still more alarming to the Colonies, than that single province in view. If the parliament can compel them to furnish a single article to the troops sent over, they may, by the same rule, oblige them to furnish cloaths, arms, and every other necessary, even the pay of the officers and soldiers, a doctrine repugnant with every mischief, and utterly subversive of all that's dear and valuable. For what advantage can the people of the colonies derive from their right of choosing their own Representatives, if these Representatives when chosen, are not permitted to exercise their own judgments, were under a necessity (on pain of being deprived of their legislative authority) of enforcing the mandates of a British Parliament.

This, Sir, is a sketch of their sentiments, as they are expressed in a petition to his Majesty, a memorial to the Right Honourable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and in a Remonstrance to the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses of Great Britain in Parliament assembled. In all their proceedings the Council of this Colony have concurred, and have directed their Agent, James Abernethy, Esq., to join Edward Montague, Esq., the Agent for this Colony, in applying for redress of the grievances they so justly complain of. Copies were delivered to the President of the Council, now commander in chief, who is desired to transmit them to the Secretary of State appointed by his Majesty to manage the affairs of North America, and Mr. Montague is enjoined to consult the Agents of the other Colonies, and to co-operate with them in every measure that shall be thought necessary to be taken on this critical point.

They trust they have expressed themselves with a firmness that becomes freedom pleading for essential rights, and with a decency that will take off every imputation of faction or dissoluty. They repose entire confidence in his Majesty, who is ever attentive to the complaints of his Subjects, and is ever ready to relieve their distress; and they are not without hopes that the Colonies united in a decent and regular opposition, may prevail on a new House of Commons to put a stop to measures so directly repugnant to the interests both of the Mother Country and her Colonies.

In the name and by order of the House of Burgesses, I am with the greatest respect,
Your most obedient humble servant,
PETER RANDOLPH, Speaker.

Colony of New-Jersey, May 9, 1768.

SIR,
As soon as the House of Representatives of this Colony met, which was on the 13th of April, I laid your Letter of the 11th of February before them. Sensible that the law you complain of, is a subject in which every Colony is interested, the House of Representatives readily perceived the necessity of an immediate application to the King, and that it should correspond with those of the other Colonies; but as they have not had an opportunity of knowing the sentiments of any other Colony, but that of the Massachusetts-Bay, they have endeavored to conform themselves to the mode adopted by you.

They have therefore given instructions to their Agent, and enjoined his attention to the subject of their Petition. The freedom with which the House of Representatives of the Massachusetts-Bay have communicated their sentiments upon a matter of so great concern to all the Colonies, hath been received by the House, with that candor, the spirit and design of your letter merits. And at the same time, that they acknowledge themselves obliged to you for communicating your sentiments to them, they have directed me to assure you, that they are desirous to keep up a correspondence with you, and to unite with the Colonies, if necessary, in further supplications to his Majesty, to relieve his distressed American Subjects.

In the name and by order of the House of Representatives, I am, Sir, your most obedient humble servant,
CORTLAND SKINNER, Speaker.

Colony of Connecticut, 11th Year 1767.

SIR,
BY Order of the House of Representatives of this Colony, I am to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 11th of February last, communicating the Sense which the Representative Body of your Province have of the great difficulties to which they and their constituents are subjected by the operation of the several Acts of the British parliament by you referred to, and the measures they have gone into for obtaining redress of those grievances.

Your letter was laid before this House of Representatives early in the session which is now just closed. They considered the said Acts of parliament in their nature, tendency and operation as matters of serious concern and very interesting importance to this and all the English American Colonies, and are of opinion that no constitutional measures proper for obtaining relief ought to be neglected by any, and that it is of importance their measures for that end should harmonize with each other, as their success may in a great degree depend on their union in sentiment and practice, on this critical and interesting occasion.

The House therefore very kindly accepted your letter, and was persuaded from the importance of the cause, the laudable zeal, and the generous exertions of the province of the Massachusetts-Bay, from time to time, in favor of her constitutional freedom, that it proceeded only from a hearty concern for the just rights, the common interest and welfare of these Colonies.

This House are desirous ever to cultivate the strictest friendship and harmony with the neighbouring Colonies, and with none more than yours, and will be always ready to receive with the utmost candor their opinion in any matters of general concern, and equally willing on all proper occasions to communicate their own sentiments on any subject of our common welfare, in full confidence they would meet with the same friendly and candid acceptance.

This House have also taken into their consideration the operation of the said Acts of parliament, and are deeply sensible that this, in common with her Sister Colonies, must thereby be involved in great difficulties, which are perhaps a prelude to still greater, and have pursued measures for obtaining redress similar to those adopted by the House of Representatives of your province.

We cannot but entertain, with you, the strongest confidence in the King's royal clemency, justice and goodness, and that the honest, dutiful supplications of his faithful American Subjects in America, will meet with a kind and gracious acceptance.

In the name and by order of the House of Representatives, I am, Sir, with great esteem and respect,
Your most obedient humble servant,
ZEPLION WATTS, Speaker.

To the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Representatives in the Province of the Massachusetts-Bay.

His Excellency the Governor of this Province, on Tuesday last, ordered a Message to be delivered to the House of Representatives, requiring them in his Majesty's Name to Reconsider a Resolution of the last House, on which their circular Letter to the other Governments, inserted in the first Page of this Paper, was founded. This Message was committed to a large Committee, who on the Day following reported to the House, that it would be of great Use to have laid before them a Copy of the King's Instructions to the Governor on this Matter, a Copy of the whole of Lord Hillsborough's Letter accompanying the Message, and another Letter from his Lordship which the Committee understood had been communicated to his Majesty's Council, and also Copies of such Letters as his Excellency had wrote to his Lordship on the Subject contained in the Message. Upon this Report, the House sent a Message to the Governor, to request of him the aforesaid Papers. In consequence of which he was pleased to send them another Message, and the Remainder of Lord Hillsborough's Letter, in which the Governor had positive Orders in Case of a Refusal of the House to comply with the Requisition, to Dissolve the General Court immediately. The Governor did not chuse to favor the House with the second Letter from his Lordship, nor his own Letters on the Subject, but added in his Message, that if the House should oblige him in Pursuance of his Orders to Dissolve the Assembly, it would not be in his Power to issue Precepts for calling a new Assembly till his Majesty's Pleasure should be further known. This last Message was committed, and a Report is expected this Week.

Danvers, June 16, 1768.

LAST Friday died here, after a long, languishing Consumption, on the 76th Year of his Age, and 5th of his Ministry, the Rev'd, Mr. PETER CLARK, Pastor of the First Church in this Town.

To draw a complete Portrait of so eminent a Divine, so accomplished a Christian as Mr. Clark, is not easy. The Strength of whose intellectual Capacity, the Extent of whose Knowledge, and his Attainments in the divine Life, are better conceived of by those who had the Happiness of an intimate Acquaintance with him, than easily expressed. Some out-lines of his Character are as follows.

He was born of worthy Parents in the Year 1733. He early discovered an uncommon Disposition to Piety and Devotion. He was early initiated in academic Learning, having his Education at Harvard College in Cambridge, where he was educated Bachelor of Arts, in 1753, and Master of Arts in 1755. His Thirst after Knowledge and close Application to the various Branches of Literature, laid a proper Foundation for the Study of Divinity. He early devoted himself to the Service of God in the Gospel Ministry, for which he was eminently formed. He pleased the Father of Lights to enrich him with many excellent Gifts and Graces, which upon his first Appearance as a Preacher, began to shine forth to the World. He was called to from various Parts of New-England to settle with him in the Ministry; but by the earnest invitation of the First Church in this Town (then called Salem Village), he was prevailed upon to relinquish all other worldly Projects, and to take upon him the pastoral Charge of this Church and Congregation, to which he was ordained on June 15, 1757, this Day completing 11 Years, where he has continued beloved and esteemed by all good Men to his dying Day.

As a Doctor, he was Learned, Pious, and Orthodox; well acquainted with all the Branches of Theology. He had a peculiar Faculty in contrivance and polemical Divinity, and accordingly was applied to, when Occasion required, and the World has been favoured with his Writings on controverted, but important Subjects.

As a Preacher he was painful, fervent, and laborious. His public Discourses were calculated to enlighten the Understanding, convince Judgment, and then to move the Passions of his Hearers. His many excellent private Sermons are a full Proof thereof. His serene Dignity of doing Good while he lived, carried to an Excess, not to be imitated or indeed commended. Many a Time under the insupportable pressure of the latter Part of his Life, he has exalted his Strength, exhausted his animal Spirits, and found relief in his Pulpit.

In private Life, as a Friend he was open-hearted and sincere; as a Companion, pleasant and engaging; as a Father tender and affectionate; as an Husband, endearing and kind. He had an Heart ever ready, ever open to relieve the Wants and Necessities of Mankind, and to do Good as far as he was able, to all that sought his Assistance, in temporal and spiritual Matters. To the Poor he was a liberal Benefactor, and besides the Charities he dispensed in his Life Time, which will never be known to the World, he has left at his Death, a valuable Legacy (in Proportion to his Estate) to the Poor of the Parish where he lived. He delighted to promote Harmony among divided Christians, and was much made use of to this End. Bring of no Party Spirit he dearly loved good Men of every Denomination.

Being deprived of the Pleasures of social Life, in great Measure, by an uncommon Degree of Deafness, He was led more into Retirement, and to take greater Pleasure in his Study; and perhaps an habitual Course of private Meditation, strengthened the Faculties of his Mind, and enlarged his Understanding of divine Things. This infirmity however, was very grievous to his Friends, whom it deprived of much profitable Conversation, they might otherwise have enjoyed.

Under his last Confinement, which was of several Months Continuance, he exhibited the most exemplary Patience, Humility and Repentance in the divine Will, and had in plenty the all-wise God's love favoured him with the free and unobscured use of his reasoning Powers, he would doubtless in his last Moments have exhibited that joyful

Hope and humble Confidence thro' the Merits of the Redeemer, of a future glorious Immortality, which the general Tenor of his Life and Foundation for.

His Death is a Gift not only to the People of his Charge, but to the Town and Country in general. He left a numerous Family, he has left Five Sons and Three Daughters with the same able Offspring, to deplore his Loss.

His Remains were interred last Evening with becoming Respect and Decency. The Ministers and Clergymen from the neighbouring Towns, and a great Concourse of People attending the solemnity of his Burial.

Just Imported, and to be Sold by

Joseph & Daniel Waldo,

Near the Town-House in Boston.

NAILS, Tacks and Brads of all Sorts, Pewter Dishes, Plates, Basins, Porringers, &c. of all Sizes, Tenter Hooks, Brass Kettles and Skillets, Warming Pans, Iron Dripping Pans, Fryng Pans, best GB Wool Cards, Scythes and Sickles, all Sizes of Window Glass, Locks & Hinges of all Sorts, Iron Chaffing Dishes, Bellows, Brass & Iron Candlesticks, English and French Flints, Powder, Shot, Bar Lead, English and German Steel, Files of all Sorts, Gimlets and Hammers, Flat Irons and Box Irons, Hand Saws, Iron and Brass Wire, Iron Shovels of different Sorts, Garden Spades, sewing and knitting Needles, Shovel and Tonge, Andersons, Pins, Velvet Corks, all Sorts of Carpenters Joiners Turners and Shoemakers Tools, a large Assortment of Brass Furniture for Cabinet Makers, all Sorts of Saddlery Ware, a large Assortment of new fashion Shoe and Kneeg Buckles, Sleeve Buttons, &c. a very neat Assortment of Japanned Snuff Boxes, &c. Fifth Hooks of all Sizes, Ivory and Horn Combs of all Sorts, Coat and Waistcoat Buttons of various Sorts, very neat Japanned Lamp Tea Kettles, Salvers and Candlesticks, Brilliant and Cypher Buttons and Ewing Stones, Ring Stones and Sparks, white and red Poil for Jewellers, together with a large Assortment of Case Knives, Penknives, Scissors, Razors, &c. &c. Also, Loaf Sugar by the Hoghead or Single Loaf, a small Quantity of Cheese, and a few Crates of Glass Phials, and Half-pint Diam Bottles.

John Lowell, and Company,

At their Store on Hancock's Wharf,

Sell at the very lowest Rates for Cash;
WEST-India and New-England Rum; Loaf and Brown Sugar; Melasses, Bohem Tea, Coffee, Chocolate, Cocoa, Pepper, Allspice, Corran Wool, Stone Blue, Brimstone, Bar Iron, Cortage, Pitch, Tar, Turpentine, &c. &c.

TO be Sold at the House of DANIEL AGER, Silk-Dyer in Wing-Lane, Boston. Men and Women's Apparel new and second-hand; an Assortment of Beaver, Castor and Felt Hats; new and second-hand Boots, &c.

TO be Sold, or exchanged for a Sloop or Schooner of between 40 and 50 Tons Burthen. A Schooner of 70 Tons, Three Years old. For further Particulars, inquire of the Printers forthwith.

TO BE SOLD

By Benjamin Church,

At his usual Place of Sale;
On THURSDAY Evening next.

A great variety of European

Goods, consisting of Broad Cloths, coarse and fine, Flannels, Serges, Cambrics, Callimancoes, Manchester Velvets, Irish Hollands, Gailles, Checks, Silks of sundry Sorts, Handkerchiefs, Lawns, Mens and Womens Hosiery, Ribbons, &c. &c. Also sundry Articles of Household, viz. Feather Beds, Looking Glasses, Tables, Desks, Pewter, Brass, &c. A Variety of Men's Apparel, Silver Watches, &c. &c.

To be Sold by PUBLIC VENDUE,

By Moses Delbon,

At the West End of Faneuil-Hall Market,
Next Tuesday, and Wednesday.

AN Assortment of European Goods, second-hand Bed-Clothing, Household Furniture, a Parcel of second-hand China, Stone, Delph and Glass Ware, Looking Glasses, &c. N. B. The Sale to begin at Four o'Clock.

PUBLIC VENDUE-Office, North-End.

TO-MORROW, (Tuesday)

Will be Sold by PUBLIC VENDUE

By John Gerrish,

At his VENDUE OFFICE—(NORTH-END)

LARGE and small Looking Glasses, Beds, Desks, Bedsteads, Seamens Chests, large Pewter Soap Dishes, excellent Watches, and a very large Assortment of new and second-hand GOODS, just imported.

The Sale to begin this Evening, (Monday) and to be continued To-Morrow Evening, &c. till all are sold off. They may be sold.

Vendue Office, } This Evening.
North-End. } **JOHN GERRISH.**

Will be Sold by Public Vendue, at the

NEW AUCTION ROOM,

By ELIAS DUPEE,

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, at 3 o'Clock,
Rich Linnen, Checks, Gingham, Durays, Silk Patterns, Stript Hollands, Callicoes, Silks and check Handkerchiefs, Table Cloths, Cambrics, Shalloons, Ombre, Broad Cloths, Kerseys, German Serges, mill'd Caps, &c. Ribbons, Gloves, Tapes, Bindings, Thread, Hosiery, Pant, Snuff, &c. Feather Beds, Chairs, Curtains, Pictures, and other Furniture, Apparel, Watches, &c.

GRENADA,

GREENVILLE TOWNS, March 31, 1768.

At a meeting of the Commissioners appointed for the establishment of Greenville Harbour, held here this day.

PRESENT.

Thomas Proudfoot, John Bourgeois, the Honorable Peter Gordon, Mingo Campbell, Paul Mingo Devoconna, and John Reber, Esquires.

MR. John Jones having been previously examined as to his skill in Navigation, and approved of by all the masters of vessels now lying in the harbour, was unanimously appointed Pilot at Greenville Harbour, & took an oath to execute that office faithfully; after which, the Trustees acquainted Mr. Jones, that he was expected to reside constantly at Greenville Town, and be always ready to go on board and bring into the harbour all vessels that make the following signals, viz.

A Ship or Snow, hauling up her Main-sail and making a Whif on the Breeze Star.

A Brigantine, hauling up her Fore-sail and holding a Jack or Ensign at the Mast-head.

A Schooner or Sloop, lowering down the Fore-sail and holding a Jack or Ensign at the Mast-head.

Mr. Jones the Pilot, was also directed to survey the Harbour, and report, so soon as possible, to the Commissioners, his opinion about laying down the Anchors and Chains, which are daily expected from England.

(By Order of the Commissioners.)

Thomas Proudfoot, Chairman.

We are here informed that the anchors and chains are arrived.

QUEBEC, May 26.

By Letters received at Montreal from Detroit, we have Accounts, that two Men, belonging to Isaac Todd, Esq; have been killed by the Indians, by which he has been a considerable sufferer; and that other English Traders have shared the same Fate. It is much to be feared, that Mr. John Ginn, & others, who are on the same Spot, near Lake Superior, will meet with the same unhappy Disfortune, and that Disturbances will become more general among the Indians. (Owing, perhaps to the Conduct of a late certain popular Major.) R. R.

PHILADELPHIA, June 16.

Monday last as some Butchers were driving two Steers home from the Country, one of them threw a Man down in Market Street, and before he could recover himself, the other came up, and hooked his Horn in one of his Eyes, Part of which immediately came out, he now lies dangerously ill.

NEW LONDON, June 17.

We hear from Norwich, that the following are the Towns which were drunk by the Gentlemen who met at Mr. Peck's, adjoining Liberty Tree, (on the 7th Inst. as mentioned in our last) on the News of Mr. Wilkes's being chosen a Member of Parliament.

1. The King.
2. Queen and Royal Family.
3. Wilkes and Liberty.
4. No Forty-five.
5. The British Parliament.
6. The Royal Patriots for America.
7. All the loyal Patriots for America.
8. All the Patriots in Great Britain, inclined for the Liberty of America.
9. The Governor and Colony of Connecticut.
10. All the Sons of Liberty on the Continent.
11. No Stamp-Men for Rulers in this Colony.
12. No internal Taxes in this Colony, but such as are laid on us by our own Assemblies.
13. No Impositions on our Trade.
14. No General Warrants.
15. No Commissioners of the Customs to eat up the King's Revenue, and the American's Money.
16. No Bishops in America to eat up the Tithe Pigs.
17. May we never want a Wilkes, and may Wilkes never want Liberty.
18. May the Enemies of this free Colony be always Disappointed, as at our last Election.
19. May the Sons of Slavery and Malice never bear Rule over us in this free Colony.
20. Succede our American Manufactures.
21. Success to Trade and Navigation.
22. May all the Grumbletons and Sons of Slavery, which were promiscuously mixt in with, and compas'd the 10 and 11 House at Hartford, be all-ways Disappointed, as at the last Election, and their Deeds be had in Remembrance till October next, and for ever, by the Freeman of this Colony.
23. With Twenty Three other loyal and patriotic Toasts, amounting in all to No. 45.

NEWPORT, June 20.

Dr. Cooke's Receipt for a Cough.

As coughs, from catching cold, are so very common, let me recommend the following cheap and pleasant recipe, as a good remedy for recent ones, especially for infants and young persons.

Boil half a pound of honey, and having skimmed it, next throw therein one lemon, with peel and all, cut into thin slices, which boil till tender; then, towards the end, add two scruples of saffron elipt small.

The patient is to eat some of the peel, and take a little of the syrup often, to ease & cure the cough.

PORTSMOUTH, (New Hampshire), June 24.

Last Monday between One and Two o'Clock, P. M. a Shock of an EARTHQUAKE was felt in this and the neighbouring Towns; the Noise was loud, but not attended with much Shaking as usual.

BOSTON, June 27.

We hear the General Assembly of Rhode Island, at their late Session, were unanimous in voting Addresses and Petitions to his Majesty, &c. similar to those of this Province.

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vid. the List, pa. 339, Vol. 1. & vid. the act appointing them pa. 748, Vol. 1.

* Vid. in Index ~ vid. pa. 150-159. v. pa. 146.

We hear that his Majesty's Council of the Provinces of Virginia and Connecticut, have honored themselves by concurring with their Assemblies in asserting the Rights and Privileges of Americans.

Extract of a Letter from a Gentleman in London, to one in Boston, dated March 11, 1768.

"This is my Conclusion, That the Parliament of G. B. will never indulge her American Subjects in any Privileges and Advantages, but such as arise from the known Feelings and Dispositions of the Inhabitants of this Country, in Consequence of enjoying your Trade and Commerce; and the only method you have left is to become frugal, saving and industrious, leaving off the Articles of Luxury, as your Abilities toils them declines; and by such prudent Measures, which I rejoice to see you now pursuing, you will in Time gain your Wishes—My Lord Chatham is suppos'd to have done entirely with Success. A certain Favourite, & Favourite still, the present Administration very unjustly, work'd up from heterogeneous Matter, which can't be cemented, &c. and To-morrow may bring a banish'd Wilkes into the first Department of State—With all my Heart it may."

We hear that last Week was brought in Town from Stoughtonham, a Load of Pig Metal, some of the Produce of Mr. Quinny's Rock-Ore Iron Mine, at said Place. It is said the Metal is of an extraordinary Quality, there having been lately cast from it, at one of the Furnaces—a fine-sounding Bell, designed for the Meeting House of that Parish, and upon divers Experiments of the Iron refined from the Pig, the best of Steel, and of the finest Grain has been made, and used for drills, and other Instruments—and therefore it is supposed with good Reason, that upon due Encouragement, the Province may be supplied, from within itself, with the best refined Iron; and Steel, at least equal to any from Europe.

We hear the Commissioners of the Customs, and the other Officers who had retired on board his Majesty's Ship Romney, have since disembarked, and landed at Castle William, where a Board was held on Tuesday last. The Collector for the Port of Boston is also at the Castle.

Letters from North-Carolina mention, that there are great Disturbances in that Province, occasioned by the Act of Parliament, prohibiting the Issue of any more Paper Currency.

Wednesday last five Prisoners broke out of the Goal in this Town, having before found Means to get off some of the Locks and Bolts of the Door: Two of them were soon taken, but the others escaped.

Capt. Wier of this Port is arrived at Quebec, being the first for the Season.

Yesterday Capt. Bowes arrived here from Lisbon.

As did also a Schooner from Carolina.

Also the Captain Cutter, with a Number of impress'd Men for his Majesty's Ship Romney.

The Public are desired to beware of Counterfeit Dollars, as several of them have lately been passing among us, of different Dates.

On Thursday next, the 30th Inst.

At THREE o'Clock Afternoon,

At the Auction Room, in Queen-Street,

A Variety of GOODS, among

which are, Irish Linens, Calicoes, Lurestrings, black Satins, black corded Silk, Ripe Hollands, Kensing Handkerchiefs, Scotch Threads, Dowels, Duryos, Druggs, Breaches Patterns, Mens and Womens fine Cotton Hose, Felt Hats, Mens and Womens Saddles, Portmantaux, Hosiery and Hosiery, Cases with 25 Bottles, a Cask of very good Indigo; also a Negro Girl, 13 Years old.

J. RUSSELL, Auctioneer.

At private Sale,

Two Pipes of Sterling Madeira, a Negro Man 40 Years of Age, a Boy of 14, and two Girls about 13 Years of Age, a second-hand Chaise and Harness, and sundry Riding Habits, trim'd with Gold and Silver Lace.

WANTED,

A Negro Boy between 14 and 18 Years of Age, suitable to serve in a Gentleman's Family. Enquire of Edes & Gill.

TO BE SOLD,

THIRTY-two Acres of Choice Land, consisting of Orchard, pasture and mowing Land, lying in Newton, about 9 miles from Boston, pleasantly situated on a large road near to a meeting-house; and near to a large fishing pond, together with a large house and barn thereon; and is well accommodated for a gentleman or tradesman, and is convenient for a tanner, it having a stream of water near the house, and a well of good water never known to fail even in the driest season.

N. B. Said house was formerly improved for a tavern and is convenient for the same use. For further particulars enquire of JOHN PENNO of Boston, or of JOHN PENNO junr. living on the premises.

TO BE SOLD—A likely strong, hearty Negro Wench, about 27 Years old. She has never had a Child, and it's likely never will. She is to be sold only for want of Employ. Inquire of Edes and Gill.

The Estate of Samuel Harris,

late of Boston, Taylor, deceased, being rendered Insolvent, and six Months allowed the Creditors to bring in their Claims and prove their Debts; the Commissioners appointed by the Hon. Thomas Hutchinson, Esq; Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk, to receive and examine said Claims, give Notice that they shall attend said Service at the Bench of Grips Taggon in Boston, on the third Wednesday in this and the five following Months, from Seven to Nine o'Clock, P. M.

Boston, June 13, 1768.

A Wet Nurse with a good young Breast of Milk wants a Place in a Gentleman's Family to suckle; inquire of Edes & Gill.

ALL Persons who intend to attend the Drawing of Foreign-Bill LOTTERY Letter A, may be informed, that the Managers of said Lottery will begin to draw the same at Faneuil Hall, on the First Day of July next.—A few Tickets to be sold by the Printers heretofore.

ALL Persons indebted to the Estate of Mr. Edmund Quincy, late of Boston, Merchant, deceased, are desired to make speedy Payment: And those who have Demands on the same, are also desired to send in their Accounts for Settlement to Samuel Quincy, Josiah Quincy, Junr. or Oliver Wendell, Executors of the said Edmund's last Will.

N. B. All Persons who are possessed of Books belonging to said Deceased, are requested to return them to said Executors.

ALL Persons that have any Demands on the Estate of Mr. Clement Jackson, late of Boston, Merchant, deceased, are (ONCE MORE) desired to bring in their Accounts to Joseph Jackson and John Hancock, Esq; Administrators on said Estate: And all such as are indebted to said Estate, are desired to make immediate Payment to said Administrators, in Order for a speedy Settlement. Boston, June 18, 1768.

ALL Persons indebted to, or that have any Demands on the Estate of William Owen, late of Boston, Taylor, deceased, are desired to bring in their Accounts to Jonathan Brown, of said Boston, Administrator to said Estate.

TO BE SOLD,

The Real Estate of said William Owen.

ALL Persons indebted to the Estate of Samuel Shaw, late of Boston, Esq; deceased, are ONCE MORE desired to make immediate Payment of their respective Debts, to the Executors of said Deceased's last Will, or they may expect to be sued without further Notice. June 18, 1768.

ALL Persons that have any Demands on the Estate of Mr. Samuel Hollowell, late of Boston, Gentleman, deceased, are desired to bring in their Demands to Josiah Waters and Thomas Green, both of said Boston, Administrators on said Estate: And those indebted to said Estate are requested to pay the same to said Administrators, in Order for a speedy Settlement.

John Harris,

FROM LONDON, who is just arrived in Capt. Calef's barge, Leave to inform the Public, that he makes and sells all sorts of Harpsichords and Spinnetts, in the best and newest Manner. Any Ladies or Gentlemen, that will honor him with their Custom, shall be punctually waited upon.—He lives at Mr. Gaven Brown's Watch-maker, in King Street, Boston.

TO BE LETT,

A convenient House, with a good Shop, well accommodated for Business, and in a very public Street. Inquire of Edes and Gill.

TO BE SOLD—A Farm, containing about One Hundred Acres, within seven Miles Westward of Falmouth, in the County of Cumberland, lying near the Sea, for which half the Money down, the other Half in Seven or Ten Years will suit. Inquire of Edes and Gill. The Title as good as any in the Province.

THE Proprietors of Pearlstonown, in the County of Cumberland, having on the 18th Day of May 1767, voted that there be 423. ass'd'd on each Right in said Township, to pay on the Settlement; and on the 26th of March last voted 400. more to be ass'd'd on each of said Rights to carry on said Settlement, and for the said matter there. (The said Proprietors are hereby notified to pay the said Tax to me the Subscriber, Collector for said Proprietors. JOSHUA FREEMAN, junr. Falmouth, June 4, 1768.

LOST on the 18th of May last, between the Roll Tavern in Danvers, and Esq's Tavern in Middleton, a Leather Pocket-Book, in which there was, when lost, Silver and Gold to the Amount of about Four Pounds, and a Note of Hand of three Pounds both Lawful Money. Whoever has taken up said Pocket-Book, and will convey it, with the Money and Note lost with it to the Printers of this Paper, or to me the Subscriber at Andover, shall receive Two Dollars Reward for their Trouble. Andover, June 27, 1768. DAVID CHANDLER.

CUSTOM-HOUSE, BOSTON.

ENTERED IN.

Also, Ballad, Goodspeed & Higgins from Connecticut. Andrews from Cayana & St. Eustatia. Davis & Black from Maricao. Parson from Guadeloupe. Stone from Philadelphia. Henderfen from Barbado. Cordis from Hispaniola. Bradford from St. Martin.

CLEARED OUT.

Hulpa, Kallow & Payne for North-Carolina. Turner and Parke for Newfoundland. Light for West-Indies. Johnson & Whitmarsh for Barbado. Jones for Halifax. Morey for Virginia. Smithwick for Bay of Chaleur & Newfoundland. Bowler for Quebec. Wood for Honduras.

OUTWARD BOUND.

Bullsey & Higgins for Connecticut. Dunn for Jamaica. Bowers & Samuel for North-Carolina. Orr for Glasgow. Hall for London. Corham for Philadelphia.

Buried in the Town of Boston since our last, Eleven Whites No Blacks.

Baptiz'd in the several Churches, Two.

High Water at Boston, for this present Week.
Monday, 16 m. after 9
Tuesday, 59 m. after 9
Wednesday, 43 m. after 10
Thursday, 31 m. after 11
Friday, 27 m. after 10
Saturday, 24 m. after 11
Lord's-day, 20 m. after 10
Full & 29 Days, 20 m. after 11

